



## ***St Michael with St Thomas C of E Primary School***

**Newsletter – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

### **Festive Events**

While you may not be quite ready to mention Christmas, we have a magical journey ahead. From our Christmas dinner and jumper day to the Enterprise Fair, a special breakfast visitor and the Christmas Party and Panto, there is so much to look forward to. Please keep checking Arbor and our looking ahead dates to make sure you don't miss out! We are looking forward to creating wonderful memories and celebrating a truly magical end to the term with our children.

### **Children in Need**

Today, we came together to support the incredible Children in Need charity, and wow, what a day it was! Our amazing pupils and staff transformed the school into a sea of cosy pyjamas and spotty clothes, bringing so much colour to this wonderful cause.

Our coin spiral was a highlight - the generosity and enthusiasm of our school family truly shone through. Every single coin represents hope and kindness, and together, we made a real difference for children who need our support most.

It is moments like these that make us so proud of our school family. Your big hearts and brilliant smiles have shown that when we come together, we can create magic! Thank you for your incredible support.

### **Scooters and Bikes**

As we continue to welcome families to our school each day, we wanted to take a moment to remind everyone of some important safety measures that help protect all members of our school community. We kindly ask that bikes and scooters are not ridden on school grounds. Both children and adults should dismount and walk these on the premises. This simple step helps prevent accidents and ensures everyone can move safely around our school environment.

We would also like to remind families to use the designated pedestrian path rather than crossing through the car park when entering or exiting. This keeps everyone away from moving vehicles and provides a much safer route to and from the school building.

Please remember that pupils from Reception to Year 5 must be accompanied by an adult when arriving at school. We also ask parents of Y6 children to speak to their children about road safety, especially when riding bikes and scooters, as we have had a number of calls concerning children riding bikes and scooters dangerously in the road. Thank you for your continued cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and secure environment for everyone.

### **Anti-Bullying Week**

This week we celebrated Anti-Bullying Week, focusing on the importance of kindness, empathy, and standing together to prevent bullying. On Monday, children and staff took part in "Odd Sock Day," where they wore mismatched socks to symbolize that we are all unique and should embrace our differences. Our pupils dove deep into conversations about kindness this week. They explored how small acts of understanding can make huge differences in someone's day. We were so proud watching them discuss ways we can support each other and create a warm, welcoming school community.

A massive thank you to the parents who joined our Anti-Bullying sessions. Your engagement means the world to us and shows how we are all in this together - building a school where every single pupil feels safe, respected, and valued, we hope you found the sessions both beneficial and informative.

Together, we are not just preventing bullying – we are nurturing a culture of empathy, respect, and genuine care

### **Pupil Progress Meetings**

Pupil Progress meetings are open for booking on Arbor. These meetings provide a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress, the results of the latest assessment week, and any next steps in their learning journey. We look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's achievements and progress and to work together in supporting their continued success.

## **Trip Reminder**

This is a friendly reminder about our upcoming trips for November:

**Year 6** will be “Meeting the Mummy” on 25<sup>th</sup> November.

Please remember to give consent and make payment on Arbor to allow your child to participate. Any children not going on the trip will be expected to attend school as usual on that day.

## **Lantern Walk - Reminder**

Unfortunately, due to the Weather, we will not be doing our usual Lantern Walk from school to church this year. However, we would still like to invite everyone to the Church Service and ask you to be at Church for 6:30pm. It promises to be a wonderful evening for the whole school community—don't miss it!

**Quotes from Miss Slingsby's #Positivegossip Book this week:**

- To all the Y6 children who helped sell poppy products over the past two weeks – Mr Albrecht
- Harper-Rose (Y1) for being so kind during craft club – Miss McMullen ❤️
- Zoe (Reception) for sharing her fantastic learning about Humpty Dumpty – Miss Ashton
- All of the Community Crusaders for brilliant teamwork in Pupil Leadership – Mrs Worrall
- Stanley (Y3) for holding the door open for me – Miss Bates

## Parent Dates

### **Looking Ahead:**

**Here are some important dates for your diaries to help you plan for the next few weeks:**

- 14<sup>th</sup> Nov – Lantern walk – 6:30pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> Nov – Y4 Family Worship 9:00am in school
- 21<sup>st</sup> Nov – Inset Day
- 25<sup>th</sup> Nov – Y6 Ancient Egypt Trip
- 26<sup>th</sup> Nov – Y5 Family Worship – Advent
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec – Y1/Y2 Nativity Performance Parents 1:30pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec – Rec Pupil Progress meetings
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec – Y1 Pupil Progress meetings
- 4<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christingle
- 9<sup>th</sup> Dec – Y4 Pupil Progress Meetings
- 9<sup>th</sup> Dec – Y5 Pupil Progress Meetings
- 10<sup>th</sup> Dec – Y2 Pupil Progress Meetings
- 10<sup>th</sup> Dec – Y3 Pupil Progress Meetings
- 10<sup>th</sup> Dec - Y6 Pupil Progress Meetings
- 11<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day
- 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Enterprise Fair

***Please note, these dates are subject to change – please ensure you check them each week for any amendments or additions.***

## Trip Sign Up and Payment Dates

To help parents plan ahead we will be opening up all trips for the year ahead on Arbor and we will be issuing reminders for upcoming deadlines. Please find below some of the exciting trips we have planned so far. Additional trips will be added as and when confirmed.

Trip Date(s)	Trip Name	Groups	Sign-up deadline
<b>Tue, 25 Nov 2025, 08:45 - 15:15</b>	<b>Y6 Ancient Egypt Trip</b>	<b>Year Y6</b>	<b>18 Nov 2025</b>
<b>Mon, 15 Dec 2025, 07:50 - 08:35</b>	<b>Rec and Y1 Breakfast with Santa</b>	<b>Year R and Year Y1</b>	<b>05 Dec 2025</b>
<b>Tue, 16 Dec 2025, 07:50 - 08:35</b>	<b>Y2 &amp; Y3 Breakfast with Santa</b>	<b>Year Y2 and Year Y3</b>	<b>05 Dec 2025</b>
<b>Tue, 16 Dec 2025, 08:45 - 16:00</b>	<b>KS1 Brindley Panto</b>	<b>Year R, Year Y1, Year Y2 and Year Y3</b>	<b>05 Dec 2025</b>
<b>Wed, 17 Dec 2025, 08:45 - 16:00</b>	<b>KS2 Panto &amp; Party</b>	<b>Year Y4, Year Y5 and Year Y6</b>	<b>05 Dec 2025</b>
<b>Tue, 02 Jun 2026 - Wed, 03 Jun 2026</b>	<b>Y6 London Trip</b>	<b>Year Y6</b>	<b>10 Dec 2025</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Instalment</b>

# Living Our Values

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

## Thankfulness

*"We appreciate everything we have, our family, friends, homes and school"*



### St Michael with St Thomas Church

Come and join the Sunday services at our beautiful church! See times below. Don't forget Children's Church on the first Sunday of every month.



### Holy Communion Service

 Every Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for 1 hour

## Let's Talk About Rights!

This week our Article of the week for you to discuss at home is: Article 2: All children should be treated equally

What does this mean?

- How do children access this right?
- How can duty bearers help to ensure children have this right?

### Article of the WEEK



# Ready, Respectful, Safe!



## Headteacher Award Winners

Rec - Esme for beautiful manners that make a difference in our classroom ❤️

Y1 - Oakley for super presentation in all books

Y2 - Bonnie-Rae for fantastic effort in Maths lessons this week

Y3 - Iviarna for being fantastic in her reading ❤️

Y4 - Ethan for always doing the right thing and giving 100% effort

Y5 - Aria for wonderful work in all subjects particularly Maths! 😊

Y6 - Isabelle for improvement in presentation and focus this week

## Lunchtime Superstars

Rec - Archie

Y1 - Millie

Y2 - Thea

Y3 - Jacob

Y4 - Carter

Y5 - Bobby

Y6 - Fern

# Attendance Counts!

#momentsmatter

Whole School Attendance - this year:

94.8%

Whole school attendance - this week:

96.7%

Class attendance winner:

99.6% - Y1

Class Attendance:

Rec - 95.3%

Y1 - 99.6%

Y2 - 98%

Y3 - 96.5%

Y4 - 98.4%

Y5 - 94.7%

Y6 - 96.7%



## Important reminder regarding reporting absences.

Please be reminded that you need to notify school before 9am with the reason for absence for this to be recorded appropriately.

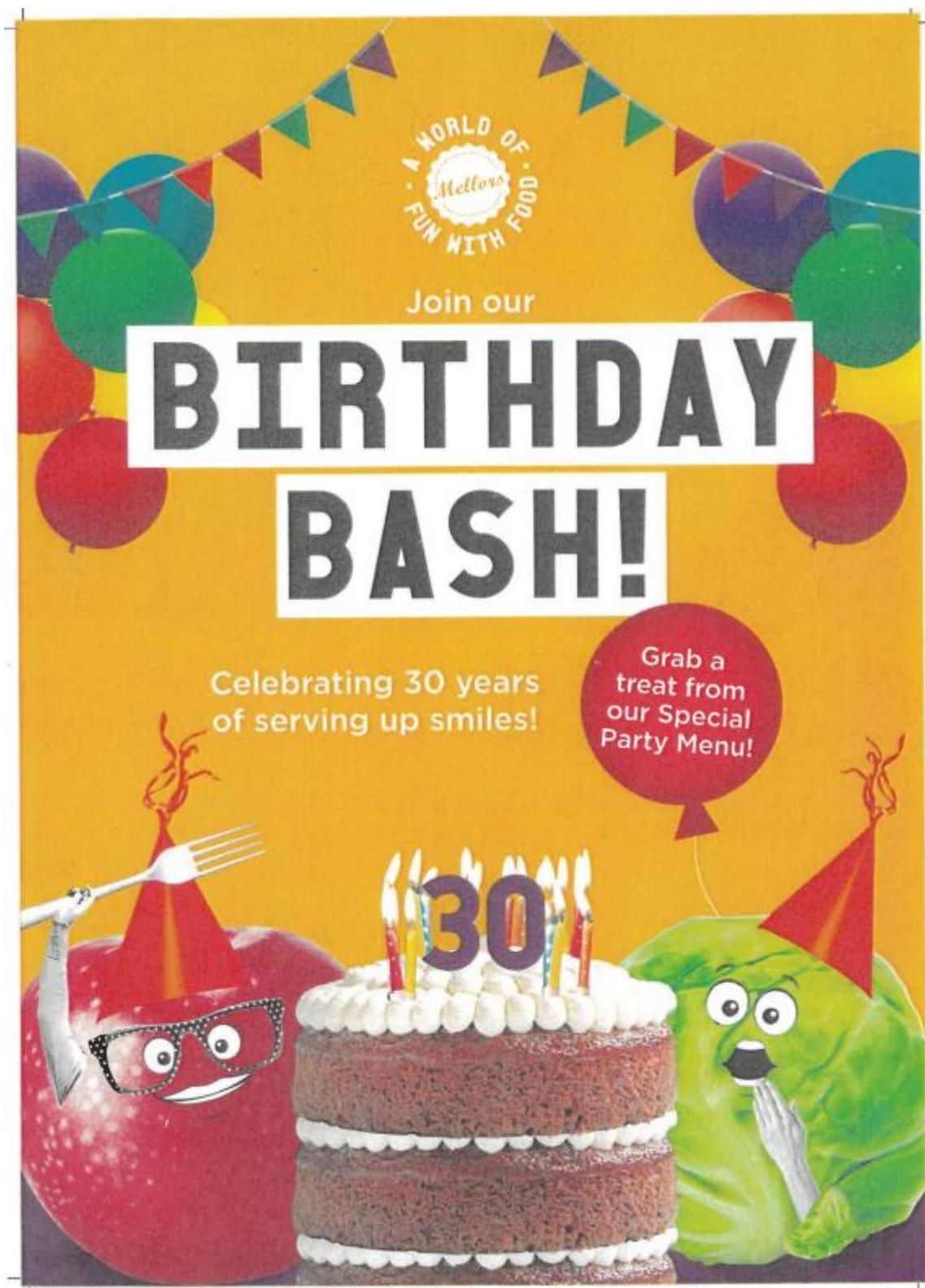
**Please note 'Feeling unwell', 'poorly' or 'under the weather' is not sufficient, more detail is required such as 'has been sick' or 'has a temperature' is required.**

There are lots of ways to notify school of absence. You can call the school number and leave a message on the absence line, you can send a message via Arbor or you can email the school office.

Thank you for your continued support

School Lunch Menu for 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> November

Are wonderful catering company will be Celebrating 30 years of serving up smiles. In celebration the school lunch menu will change on 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> November, please see menu below. Payment is as normal on Arbor under meals





Main  
Party plate

**Ham wrap, cheese wrap, crudities,  
chicken goujon**

or

**Hot dog with rainbow slaw and  
wedges**

Dessert

**Mellors shortbread biscuit  
Chocolate orange jelly pot  
Party cup cakes**



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